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LIKE ARTICLE TOGETHER AND FEEDING
DEVICE OF THE SAME

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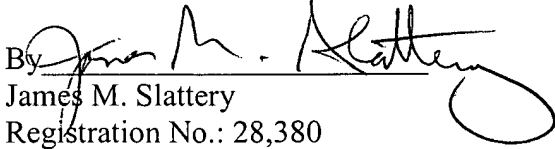
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1. Reply to Restriction Requirement (6 pages).

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated October 29, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Remarks.